

Mesopotamia's Civilization (p. 17)

1. What are the 6 basic characteristics of a civilization?

Why were river valleys so important?

2. What were two advantages of having a civilization near a river valley?
3. Cities began to grow and the people needed organization. What did the people form to help with organization?
4. The leaders of the city governments were in charge of what four things?
5. Because their basic needs were being met, people now had much more time to think about other things. What are some of the things they developed, invented and created?

14. Why did Sumerian city-states often go to war with one another?

Gods and Rulers (p.19-20)

15. What did the Sumerians build to try to please the gods? Describe its characteristics.

16. The priests and priestesses may have ruled at one time. Later kings ruled and ran the government. Their position was hereditary. What does hereditary mean?

What was life like in Sumer? (p. 19)

17. Where did kings live?

18. Where did ordinary people live?

19. Name the four main occupations or jobs that people held in Sumer.

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26. Who were the only people that were allowed to learn to write?

27. What is a scribe?

Sumerian Literature (p.20)

28. What is an epic?

Advances in Science and Math (p.20)

29. In addition to the irrigation system, what were three additional things that the Sumerians invented?

30. What were three mathematical ideas that the Sumerians developed?

Hammurabi (p.22)

31. What city-state did Hammurabi rule over?

32. How did Hammurabi help make Mesopotamia stronger?

33. What was the name Hammurabi called himself?